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Committee Bill No. 5300

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPEED LIMITS OF BOATS ON THE
MYSTIC RIVER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 15-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) If any vessel, wholly or partly propelled by power, moves at a
4 greater rate of speed than six miles per hour, when approaching or
5 passing, and while within two hundred feet of, any wharf, pier or dock
6 in the city of Hartford between the Bulkeley Bridge over the
7 Connecticut River and the southern limits of said city, or Long Wharf
8 and pier in New Haven Harbor, when any vessel is lying thereat at any
9 berth below the north end of the platform on the east side of the wharf,
10 or the wharf or pier in Bridgeport Harbor known as Mather's Dock, or
11 any wharf, pier or marine railway in Norwalk Harbor, or any wharf in
12 the city of Middletown, or any dock, pier or wharf in the city of New
13 London or in New London Harbor, or in the city of Norwich, or
14 between the cities of New London and Norwich, or on the Eight Mile
15 River in Lyme between the northerly end of the channel at Hamburg
16 Village and the southerly end at the Connecticut River, or any wharf

17 on either side of Mystic River between its mouth at Noank beacon and
 18 the most northerly channel buoy north of the Marine Historical
 19 Association, or while passing between Branford Point Dock and Sybil's
 20 Creek, so called, in the Branford River, the person in command of any
 21 such vessel shall forfeit one hundred dollars to the state, and shall also
 22 be liable to pay threefold damages to any person whose property is
 23 injured in consequence of the violation of the provisions of this section.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
 25 on and after the adoption of regulations by the Department of
 26 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 15-121 that establish
 27 speed limits for vessels moving on the Mystic River, the speed limit for
 28 vessels moving on the Mystic River shall be as established in such
 29 regulations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-16

ENV *Joint Favorable*

TRA *Joint Favorable*